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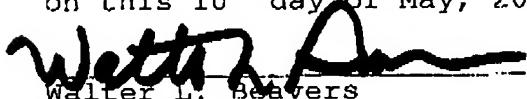
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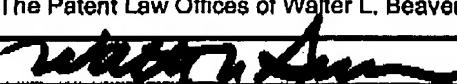
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Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's communication mailed 12 February 2007, applicant responds as follows: